House Study Bill 157 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE	
ВУ	(PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
	NATURAL RESOURCES BILL BY
	CHAIRPERSON BACON)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to entering private property by persons using
- 2 dogs while fur harvesting or training dogs on fur-bearing
- 3 animals, and providing penalties.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 481A.56B Using a dog while fur
 2 harvesting training a dog entering private property.
- A person using a dog while fur harvesting or training a
- 4 dog on a fur-bearing animal shall not allow the dog to enter
- 5 private property without first receiving permission from
- 6 the property owner. Failure to receive permission prior to
- 7 allowing the dog to enter private property constitutes a simple
- 8 misdemeanor. Additionally, a person who violates this section
- 9 shall be subject to civil damages as provided in sections
- 10 481A.130 and 481A.131. A fur-bearing animal taken in violation
- 11 of this section shall be subject to seizure as provided in
- 12 section 481A.12.
- 13 EXPLANATION
- 14 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
- the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 16 This bill relates to entering private property when using
- 17 a dog while fur harvesting or training a dog on a fur-bearing
- 18 animal. Under current law, a person with a valid fur harvester
- 19 license may train certain dogs on any fur-bearing animals
- 20 at any time of the year. A person with a valid hunting or
- 21 fur harvester license may also train a dog on coyotes or
- 22 groundhogs.
- 23 Under the bill, a person who uses a dog while fur harvesting
- 24 or training a dog on a fur-bearing animal shall not allow the
- 25 dog to enter the property of another without first receiving
- 26 the property owner's permission. A person who violates the
- 27 provisions of the bill commits a simple misdemeanor. A simple
- 28 misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more than 30
- 29 days or a fine of at least \$105 but no more than \$855 or by
- 30 both. In addition, a person who violates the provisions of
- 31 the bill is subject to existing civil damages in Code chapter
- 32 481A relating to unlawfully taking an animal. A fur-bearing
- 33 animal taken by a person while the person is violating the
- 34 provisions of the bill is subject to seizure by the director of
- 35 the department of natural resources or a peace officer.